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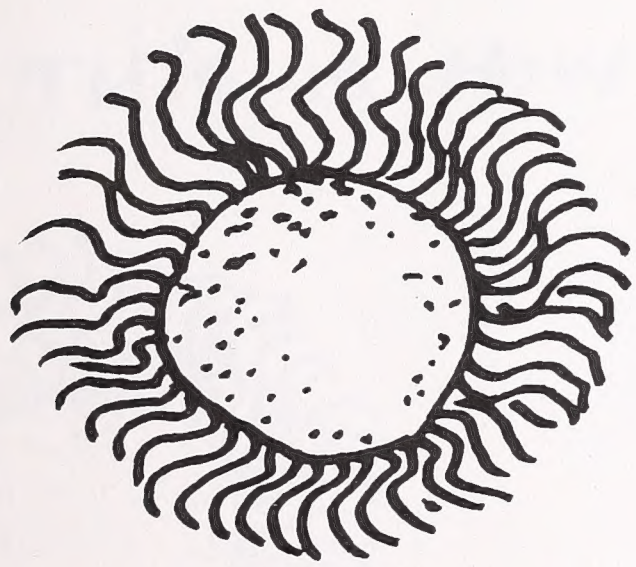

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1981

Drawings for Grace Paley by Peter Schumann,
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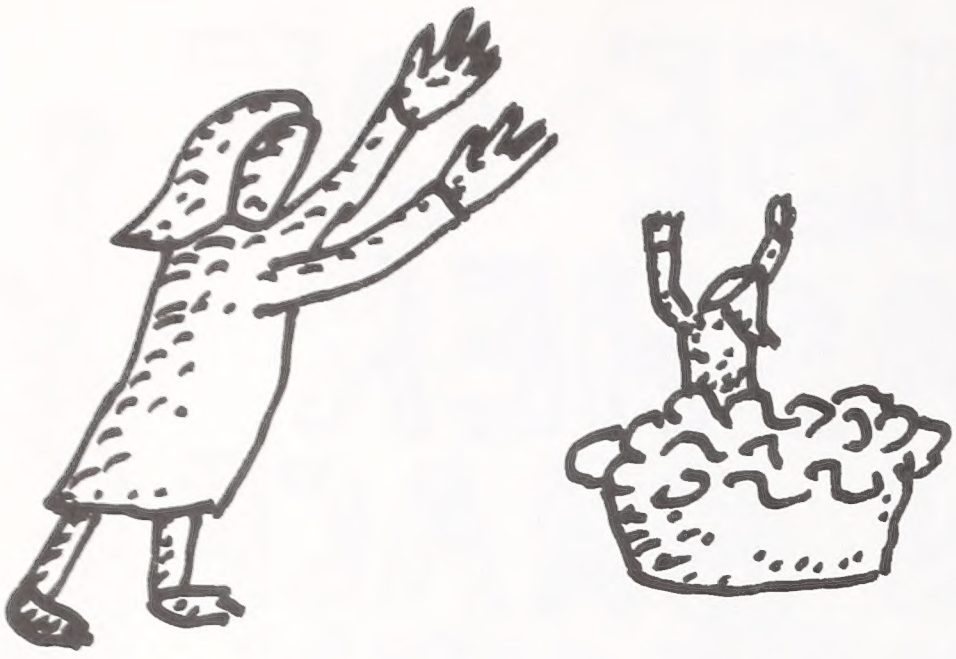
(1) THIS IS HOW SHE WAS BORN

ONE MORNING

HER MOTHER DID THE LAUNDRY

AND

LIKE VENUS RISING FROM THE FOAM OF THE SEA



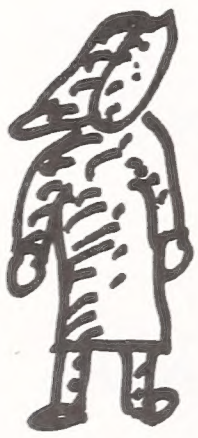
GRACE ROSE FROM THE SOAPSUDS

② SHE GREW UP LIKE THIS

FIRST VERY LITTLE

THEN MEDIUM

THEN NORMAL



OR A LITTLE LESS

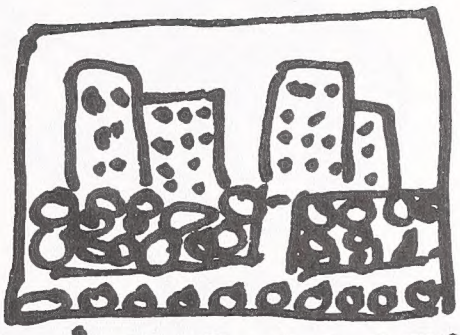
MOST PRACTICAL SIZE

FOR LIFE

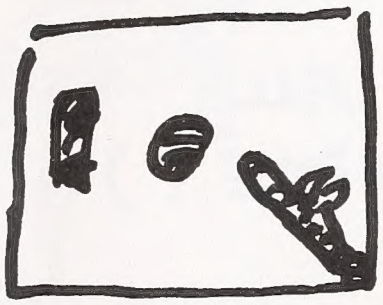
③ HER FATHER

DOCTORED

AND PAINTED



VICTORY GARDENS IN THE BRONX



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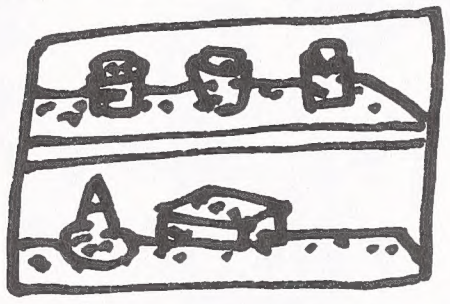
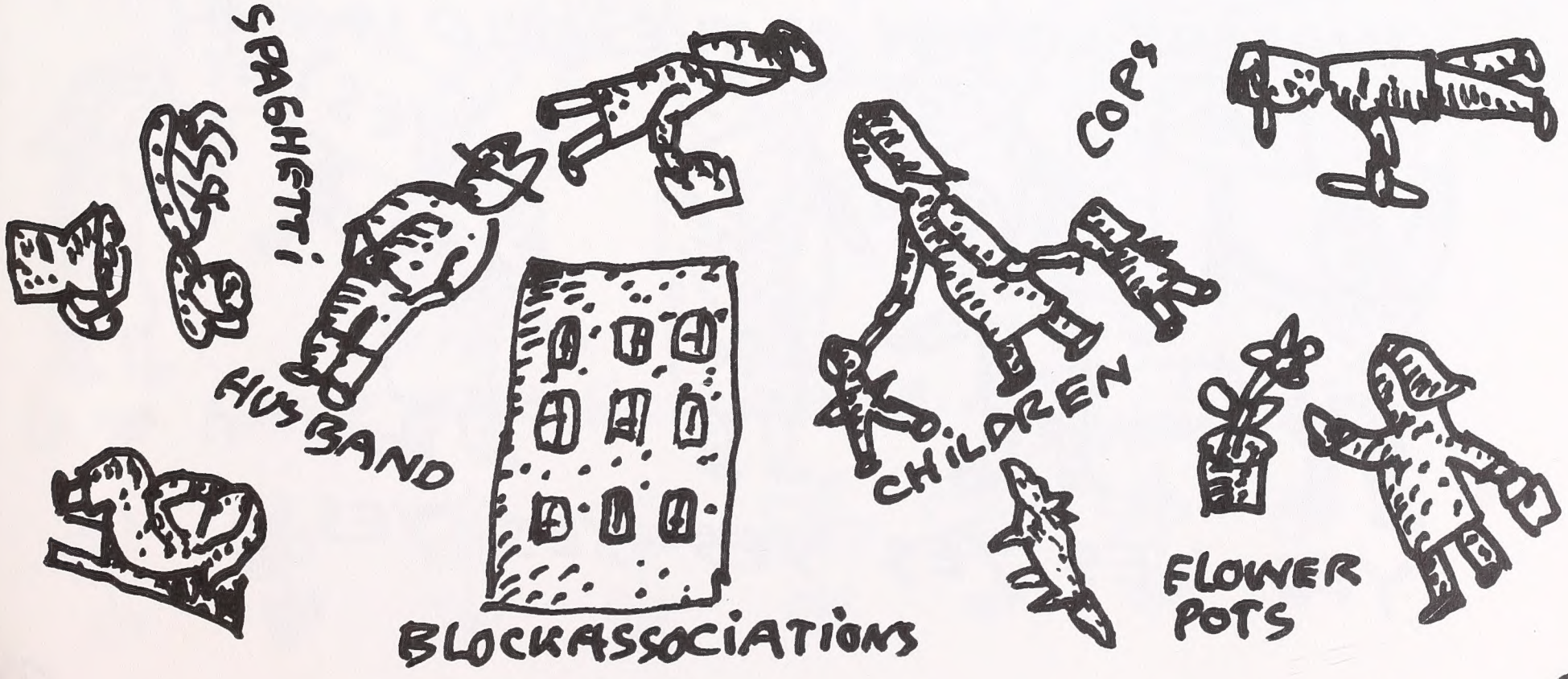
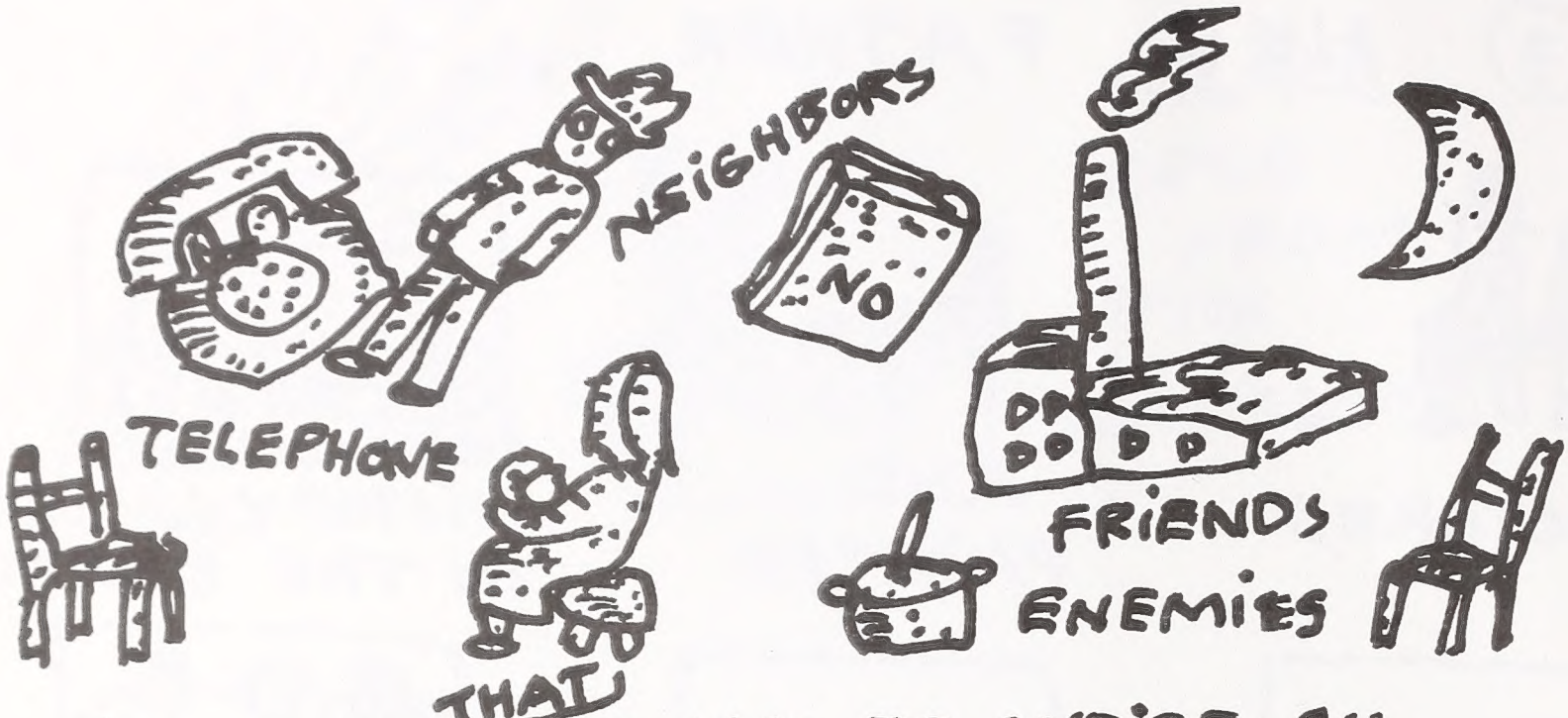


KITCHEN CABINETS

④ HER MOTHER
(before my time, I know nothing about her)

⑤ HER BUSINESS OF LIFE

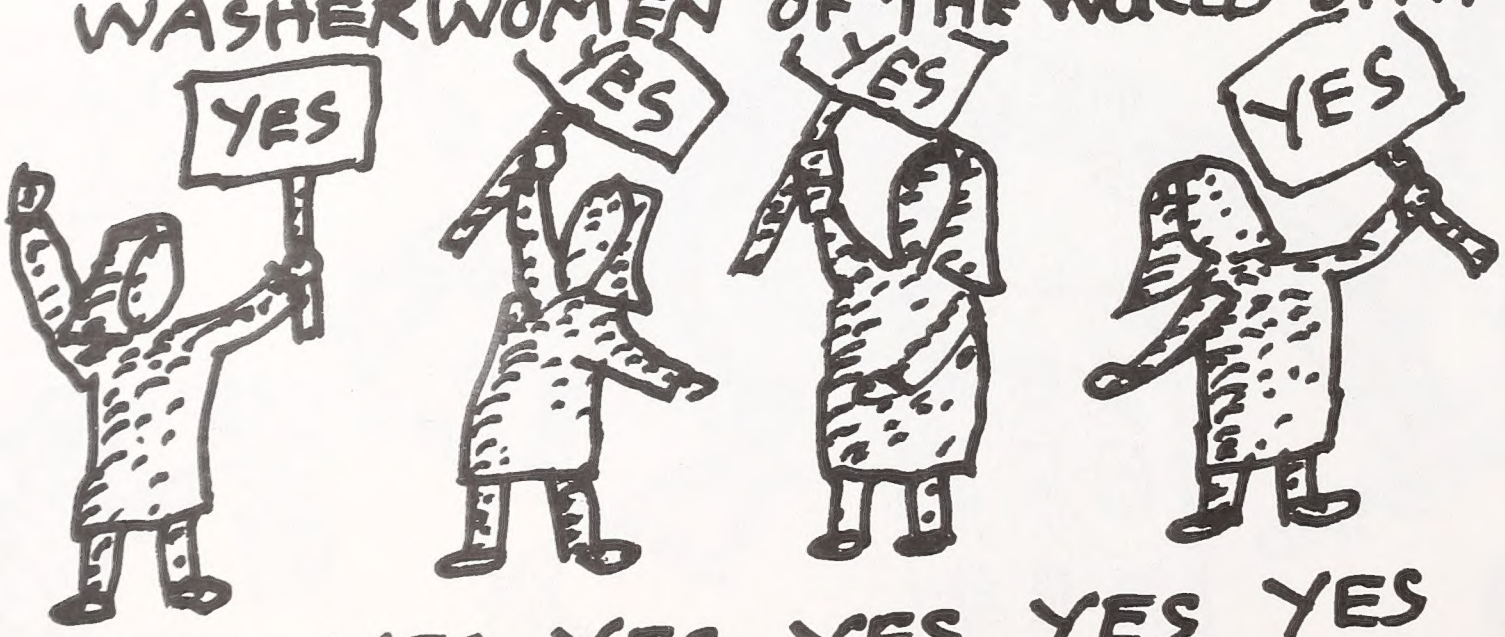




(SO BUSY THAT BOB HAS TO WRITE ALL THE STORIES SHE CAN'T WRITE!)

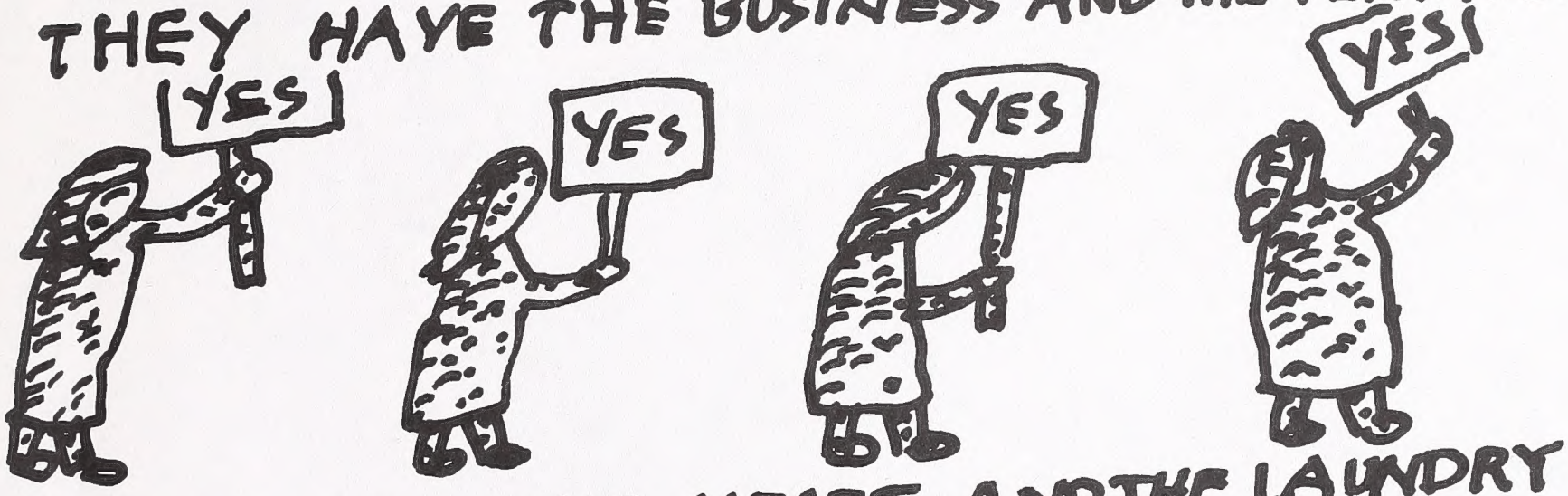
(6) HER REVOLUTION

WASHERWOMEN OF THE WORLD UNITE!

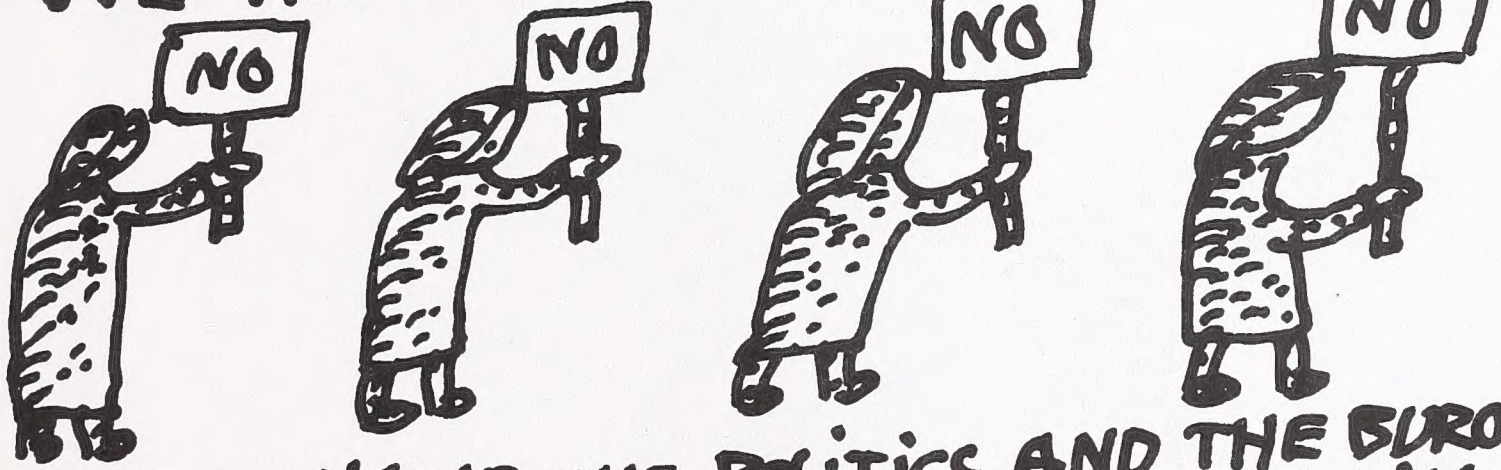


YES YES YES YES YES YES

THEY HAVE THE BUSINESS AND THE PENTAGON

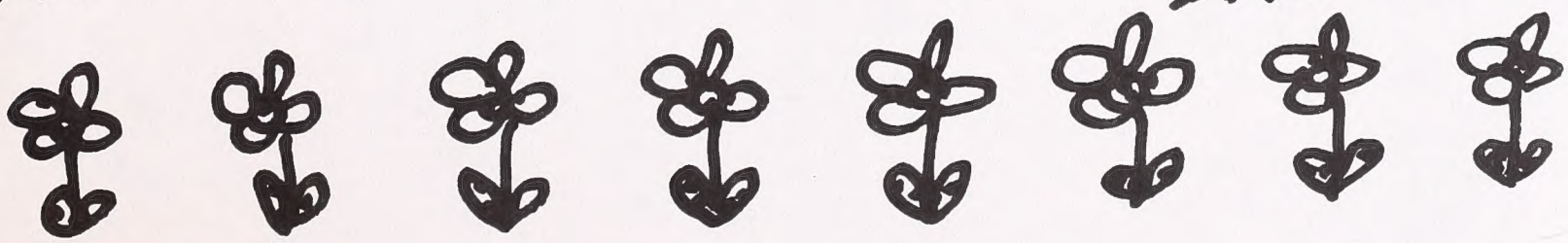


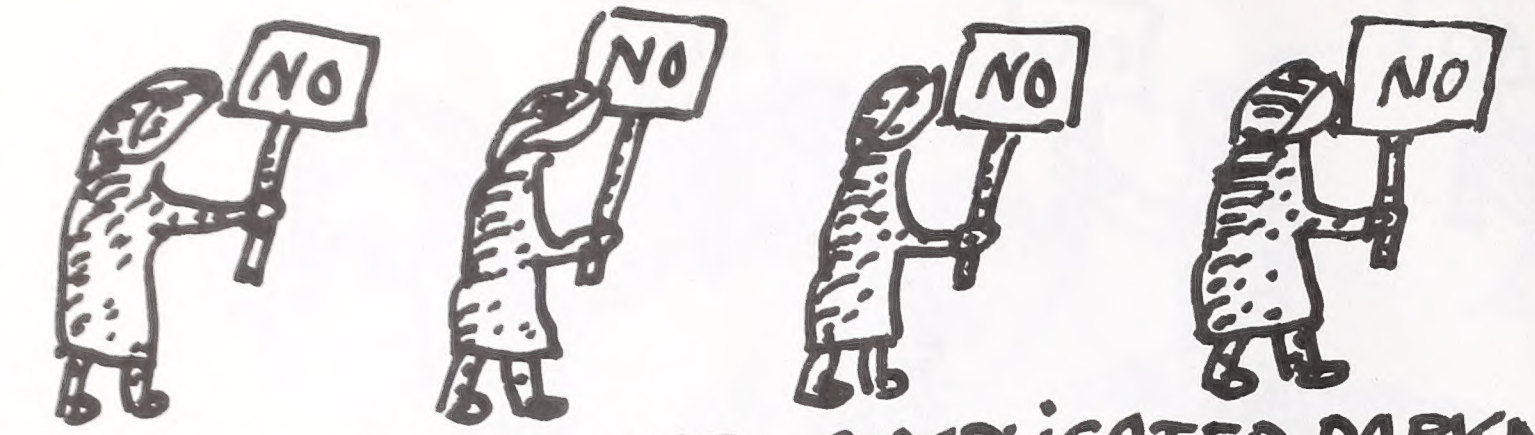
WE HAVE THE HEART AND THE LAUNDRY



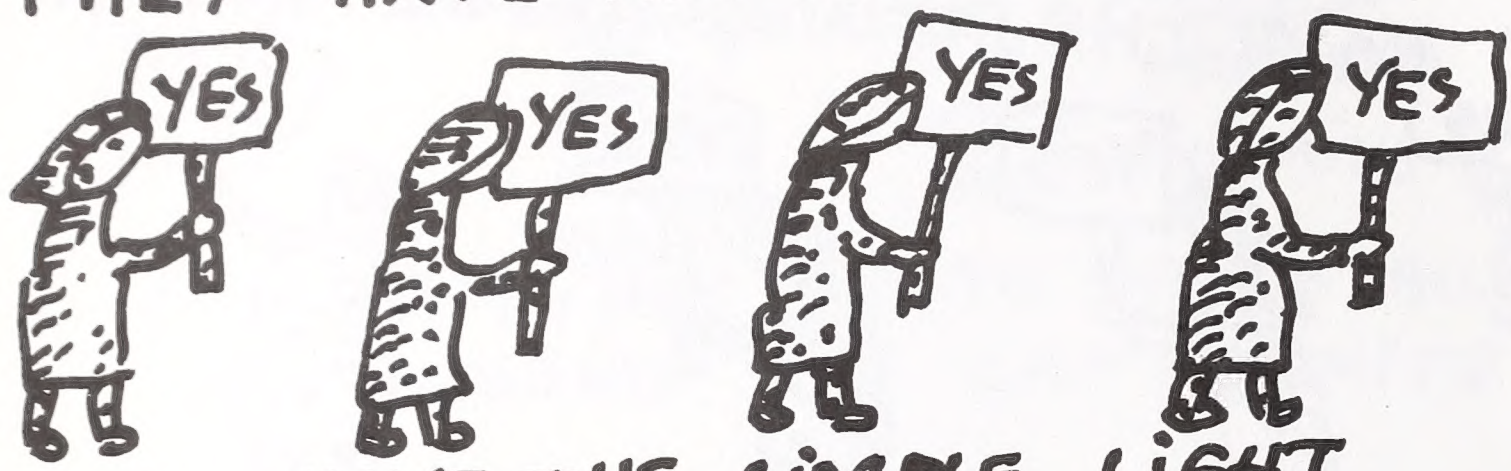
THEY HAVE THE POLITICS AND THE BUROCRACY

WE HAVE THE GOOD SENSE AND THE SANDWICHES





THEY HAVE THE COMPLICATED DARKNESS



WE HAVE THE SIMPLE LIGHT

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